



A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE

RELATING TO SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT INSPECTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the People of the City and County of Honolulu:

SECTION 1. The purpose of this ordinance is to address special assignment inspections.

SECTION 2. Section 18-3.1, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("Required"), is amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) *Special assignment inspection.* The building official may allow construction to proceed prior to the issuance of a building permit required under subsection (a) if the building permit applicant submits to the building official a request for a special assignment inspection and all of the following requirements are satisfied with respect to the project for which the building permit is sought:

- (1) A building permit application has been accepted as complete, and the application has been under review for at least 30 days;
- (2) All applicable discretionary permits have been obtained; provided that if the only applicable discretionary permits are those issued by the building official and applications for the permits are pending with the building official, then the requirement of this subdivision may be met if the building official determines that the pending discretionary permits are achievable;
- (3) Adequate documentation has been submitted showing the satisfaction of, or the intent to satisfy, all applicable requirements for flood hazard certification, stormwater quality compliance, and outstanding conditions of approval associated with discretionary permits;
- (4) Except for notices of violation and notices of order that will be corrected by the building permit issued pursuant to the application, there must be no outstanding notices of violation, notices of order, or unpaid civil fines for the subject property;
- ~~[(5) The building permit application must not involve a single-family or two-family detached dwelling;~~
- ~~(6)](5) The work allowed to proceed must not involve work in a public right-of-way;~~



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~~[(7)]~~(6) The nonrefundable special assignment inspection fee specified in Table No. 18-A must be paid at the time the request for a special assignment inspection is made;

~~[(8)]~~(7) The drawings used for the special assignment inspection, including the jobsite copy, must be identical to the drawings submitted with the building permit application, and the applicant shall ensure that all sets of drawings are consistent throughout the review period and construction phases;

~~[(9)]~~(8) The building official shall find that:

- (A) It is reasonably likely that the building permit application, including all documents and materials submitted with or attached to the application, will be approved and the building permit issued;
- (B) The construction poses no threat to public health and safety; and
- (C) There is a sense of urgency to commence construction in a timely manner; examples include but are not limited to the impending lapse of funding, federal compliance deadlines, financing obligations, or lease obligations;

~~[(10)]~~(9) Special assignment inspections will be conducted as soon as practicable after the approval date of the initial request; if a building permit is not issued within an 18-month period, the applicant may submit a new request for a special assignment inspection, subject to the building official's approval; and

~~[(11)]~~(10) Special assignment inspections must not be used for purposes of obtaining a certificate of occupancy.

The building official may waive any or all of the requirements of this subsection if the building permit applicant demonstrates good cause; provided that the building official shall not approve a waiver that would result in any conflict with other requirements of this chapter.



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A building permit applicant requesting to proceed with construction under a special assignment inspection proceeds at the applicant's risk without assurance that a building permit will ultimately be issued. Violations discovered during the special assignment inspection may result in suspension of the special assignment inspection, a notice of violation, a stop work order, or suspension of the review of the building permit application."

SECTION 3. Ordinance material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken. New ordinance material is underscored. When revising, compiling, or printing this ordinance for inclusion in the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu, the Revisor of Ordinances need not include the brackets, the material that has been bracketed and stricken, or the underscoring.



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SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect upon its approval.

INTRODUCED BY:

A. Spola

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAR 08 2023

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Deputy Corporation Counsel

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.

RICK BLANGIARDI, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu